

FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

1) The Update to the Initial Statement of Reasons

There are no changes to the initial statement of reasons, which is hereby incorporated by reference, with the exception of the following:

Section 158.00(a)

Reference to the REG 4048 form has been revised to show the latest revision of the form, which is 6/2003. There are no other changes to the form. This form is being incorporated by reference since it is impractical and cumbersome to publish a form that will only be used for a specified purpose.

Reference to Section C – Certification has been corrected to show Section D because of a typo.

2) Imposition of Mandate on Local Agencies or School Districts

The department's regulatory action adopting Section 158.00 in Article 3, Chapter 1, Division 1 of Title 13, does not impose any mandate on local agencies or school districts and imposes (1) no cost or savings to any state agency, (2) no cost to any local agency or school district that is required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of the Government Code, (3) no other discretionary cost or savings to local agencies, and (4) no cost or savings in federal funding to the state. No studies or data were relied upon to make this determination.

3) Summary of Comments Received and Department Response

The proposal was noticed on June 20, 2003, and made available to the public from June 20, 2003 through August 4, 2003. No comments were received on the regulatory proposal.

4) Determination of Alternatives

No reasonable alternative considered by the department, or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the department, would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which these regulations are proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed regulations. During the rulemaking process, no alternative that would lessen the adverse economic impact on small business was submitted.